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Extension to Clearance of Imported Alcoholic Beverages GuidelineIII

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Beverages

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Wine

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Report Highlights:

On October 31, 2012, The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) gave further extension to the clearance of imported alcoholic beverages via letter no.1/2008/Import Safety/ FSSAI on its website.

General Information:

Introduction: In continuation to the previous letter of July 19, 2012 issued by FSSAI - the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) gave further extension to the clearance process pertaining to alcoholic beverages on its website. The guidelines state that minor labeling “defects” may be corrected at the customs warehouse under the supervision of the customs department for another three months. The policy is in effect until January 20, 2012, or until FSSAI issues official guidelines. This procedure will enable importers of alcoholic beverages to correct inconsistencies in labeling after products arrive in India.

Disclaimer: This report presents the link to the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Important Dates:

Publication Date: October 31, 2012

Notification to the WTO: Not notified to date.

Valid Till: Three months from date of issue of this letter or notification of FSSAI’s Rules/Regulations, whichever is earlier.

Effective Date: October 20, 2012

Products Affected: Alcoholic Beverages

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, GOI

The full text of this announcement can be accessed on the internet by following this link [FSSAI Guidelines](#).

See text as attached:

SPEED POST/FAX

1/2008/Import Safety/FSSAI
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India
FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi - 110002

Dated: 31st October, 2012

Subject: Ad-hoc guidelines for Alcoholic Beverages related to Imported Food Clearance Process by FSSAI's Authorized Officers-Reg.

In continuation of letter of even no. dated 19th July, 2012 regarding the subject mentioned above, the undersigned is directed to convey that relaxation regarding rectification of minor labelling defects for clearance of imported alcoholic beverages issued vide aforesaid letter is extended w.e.f 20th October, 2012 for another three months or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Vinod Kotwal)

Director (Codex/Imports)

To:

All Authorized Officers, FSSAI